

42nd Annual Commencement

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

REGGIE LEWIS TRACK AND ATHLETIC CENTER



ROXBURY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Gateway to the Dream

The National Anthem

*Oh, say, can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

Francis Scott Key
1779 - 1843

Lift Every Voice and Sing

*Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.*

James Weldon Johnson
1871 - 1938

Program

Prelude

Processional

Led by Professor Richard Eells, Department of Mathematics

Madison Park High School - Marine Corps JROTC will post the colors

National Anthem

Alan Rias, Tenor

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Alan Rias, Tenor and David Langford, Piano

Students' Greetings from Around the World

Greetings from the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education

Mr. David Cedrone, Associate Commissioner for Economic & Workforce Development

Musical Selection

Climb Every Mountain - Alan Rias, Tenor and David Langford, Piano

Introduction of Valedictorian

Mr. Kodjo Agblekpe, President, RCC Alumni Association

Valedictorian

Narita Anasha Ganesh, Associate in Science, Information Technology
Germina Augustin Descardes, Associate in Arts, Health Careers

Introduction of the Commencement Speaker

Dr. Valerie R. Roberson, President

Commencement Address

Dr. Winsome Bennett, President of the Board, Fundamental Tools Inc.

Conferring of Degrees and Certificates

Authorization of the Board of Trustees

Mr. Gerald Chertavian, Chair, Board of Trustees
Dr. Valerie R. Roberson, President

Introduction of Degree and Certificate Candidates

Presentation of Degrees and Certificates to the Students

Mr. Gerald Chertavian, Chair, Board of Trustees
Dr. Valerie R. Roberson, President

Recessional

The audience is requested to remain seated during the recessional and is invited immediately after the ceremony to a reception in the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center Gymnasium.

Message from the President

Dr. Valerie R. Roberson



Education offers opportunities for changing how we choose to live, how we choose to teach, and how we choose to govern ourselves for future generations to come. Please grasp the opportunities when they arise, for therein lies the key to your future and the future of all of our communities.

Today marks the beginning of an exciting new phase of your life, a phase filled with new opportunities, experiences and growth. As you move forward, take the time to look back and remember today fondly. As I reflect on the accomplishments of the Class of 2017—too numerous to list here—I am both amazed and proud. I hope that you cherish the memories you made at Roxbury Community College and that you use the totality of what you've learned here for years to come.

I extend my heartiest congratulations to the Class of 2017.

I wish each of you the very best, and I know that you will be successful in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie R. Roberson". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'V'.

Dr. Valerie R. Roberson
President

Commencement Speaker

Dr. Winsome Bennett

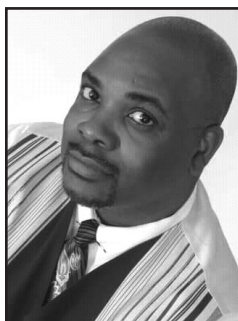
President of the Board, Fundamental Tools Inc.



Dr. Winsome Bennett received her Ph.D. in Applied Management and Decision Sciences from Walden University in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and completed her master's degree in Quality Management from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida. Dr. Bennett also graduated from Roxbury Community College in 1976; and from Simmons College in 1978 with a bachelor's in Business Management. She has several years of progressive experiences in public and private institutions in combined teaching and administrative capacities. She was employed as the Energy Conservation Manager for Valencia Community College in Orlando, Florida where she initiated and managed an assortment of energy related projects. In addition, Dr. Bennett has designed and taught undergraduate and graduate courses in Business Management at Barry University and Webster University in Orlando, Florida. In her role as CEO and faculty at Fundamental Tools, Inc., Dr. Bennett is responsible for providing academic leadership and establishing effective communication to achieve the mission of accommodating students' success with quality teaching. She also provided tutoring services in multiple subject areas for a number of years.

Commencement Vocalist

Mr. Alan Rias



Tenor Alan Rias received his degree in Theology and Music from Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama. He has appeared locally with Patti LaBelle and the Boston Pops at the Esplanade. He travels frequently to Europe, Russia and Cuba with SANS, an international choral exchange, where he solos with the chorus. As a member of Opera unMet, he has performed selections from *Porgy and Bess*, *Fiddler On The Roof*, and *Aida*. He has served as Minister of Music and Music Director

at Berea SDA, and Charles Street AME churches. He is planning his 16th tour with SANS to South Africa in July 2018.

Class of 2017

Honors

GPA 3.00 - 3.49

High Honors

GPA 3.50 - 3.75

Highest Honors

GPA 3.76 - 4.00

Honors Program

Students who have fulfilled the Honors Program have maintained a minimum GPA of 3.3 and have completed three or more Honors courses.

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The Registrar of Roxbury Community College maintains the official list of all graduates and honor designations. This program is only for ceremonial purposes.

Associate in Arts

Janely Enelis Acosta*** <i>Health Careers</i>	Mpeya A. Bony <i>Biological Science</i>	Germina Augustin Descardes*** <i>Health Careers</i>
Cassandra Adelson* <i>Biological Science - Lab</i> <i>Animal Care</i>	Samantha Harris Boval <i>Social Science</i>	Nadine Jean Philippe** <i>Health Careers</i>
Adenike Margaret Adetoye <i>Health Careers</i>	Mohammed Braimah Jr.* <i>Business Administration</i>	Paula Dismond <i>Liberal Arts</i>
David Christopher Adrien <i>Musical Arts</i>	Samantha M. Brown <i>Health Careers</i>	William Doura Jr. <i>Business Administration</i>
Marie Ange Alette* <i>Health Careers</i>	Victoria O. Browne* <i>Health Careers</i>	Sherresa Monique Downing* <i>Health Careers</i>
Laila Mohamed Ali <i>Biological Science</i>	Shugufta Butt <i>Health Careers</i>	Geraldine C. Egeonu <i>Health Careers</i>
Venesha A. Aljoe* <i>Health Careers</i>	Danaelle Cadet* <i>Biological Science</i>	Glory Ephraim Ekechukwu** <i>Health Careers</i>
Dina L. Allen-Monteiro <i>Business Administration</i>	Robert Theodore Campia*** <i>Musical Arts</i>	Shakirah Saleemah Ellison* <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Chizoba Anadu <i>Health Careers</i>	Kerene Chery <i>Business Administration</i>	Olanda Emile*** <i>Biological Science</i>
Yetunde I. Animasahun** <i>Health Careers</i>	Latoya Crystal Clarke <i>Health Careers</i>	Judith O. Enoma* <i>Health Careers</i>
Mercy Uchenna Anyanwu* <i>Health Careers</i>	Jusu Bangalie Coker** <i>Health Careers</i>	Rosemary O. Ezeibe** <i>Health Careers</i>
Madelyn Aponte Torres* <i>Health Careers</i>	Michelle L. Colindres* <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Paulo Roberto Farias* <i>Health Careers</i>
Arlene Arocho** <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Alexsandra Cosme* <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Rhea M. Faustin <i>Health Careers</i>
Elyse Auguste <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Kekely Dansouh** <i>Social Science</i>	Yuri C. Fernandes <i>Biological Science</i>
Josue D. Baez Pepen <i>Business Administration</i>	Geneva Gloria Davis <i>Health Careers</i>	Angela Crawford Fernandes <i>Social Science</i>
Manuelie Bailey <i>Biological Science</i>	Palmira De Jesus* <i>English</i>	Daniela R. Figueiroa* <i>Business Administration</i>
Mariam Bamba <i>Health Careers</i>	Tsion Girma Debebe*** <i>Health Careers</i>	Fisihazzen Tekle Fitwi <i>Health Careers</i>
Antonio Beaujour <i>Health Careers</i>	Ralph Henry Debrosse <i>Business Administration</i>	Jennifer Lee Flores* <i>Health Careers</i>
Telysa M. Best <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Yahfreici S. DelCarmen <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Ruth Fontaine <i>Health Careers</i>
Tesfahans Beyene*** <i>Biological Science</i>	Surca Delorme <i>Health Careers</i>	Monise Fortune* <i>Health Careers</i>
Tyshiana Blount* <i>Social Science</i>	Damien Jeremy DePeiza <i>Biological Science - Lab</i> <i>Animal Care</i>	Yvette Yolanda Fox <i>Health Careers</i>
Kania L. Chase-Bogarty <i>Social Science</i>	Eunide Desarmes <i>Health Careers</i>	Glen S. Francis <i>Business Administration</i>

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Julie Gelin <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Christopher Lara-Mendez <i>Business Administration</i>	Beilda Milor <i>Health Careers</i>
Marlene Louis-Gilles <i>Biological Science</i>	Farnia Laurent* <i>Biological Science</i>	Geraldine Monteiro <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Marlene Louis-Gilles <i>Social Science</i>	Chaunce Maravanna Lee* <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Ava Yahdeda Mooltrey <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Claudia Fernandes Gomes <i>Health Careers</i>	Lauvena Lefevre* <i>Health Careers</i>	Maria D. Moreno <i>Health Careers</i>
Sidney D. Grooms III <i>Health Careers</i>	Daphney Leger <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Sherly Morisseau*** <i>Health Careers</i>
Fardusa Guled* <i>Health Careers</i>	Donna Eltia Leon* <i>Health Careers</i>	Romualde Napoleon** <i>Health Careers</i>
Verona Ann-Marie Hibbert* <i>Health Careers</i>	Judy Leon-Chi** <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Boston A. Okundaye* <i>Business Administration</i>
Andriana Huggins <i>Biological Science</i>	Dongeon Lim* <i>Biological Science</i>	Sylvia Omolara Olanikawo <i>Health Careers</i>
Osarume Scott Idubor <i>Health Careers</i>	Michelle Elena Lima <i>Business Administration</i>	Tania Marie Ortíz <i>Broadcast Media Technology</i>
Karianna Isaac <i>Biological Science</i>	Najeeb S. Longrin <i>Biological Science</i>	Elie Otabor <i>Social Science</i>
Stanley Jean <i>Biological Science</i>	Elizangia Lopes* <i>Health Careers</i>	Chante Parara <i>Health Careers</i>
Anne Winnie Jean Noel <i>Biological Science</i>	Melissa S. Lora* <i>Biological Science</i>	Devang Ramesh Patel* <i>Business Administration</i>
Belinda Jean-Calixte <i>Biological Science</i>	Carmen Lora Del Rosario <i>Health Careers</i>	Hailey Pena <i>Social Science</i>
Kettelie Jean-Gilles* <i>Health Careers</i>	Marie C. Louis <i>Health Careers</i>	Bella Perez* <i>Health Careers</i>
Angela Johnson <i>Social Science</i>	Oghenevwairhe Madu** <i>Health Careers</i>	Alexandre Perez-Mecking <i>Social Science</i>
Nadia Nicole Jordan <i>Social Science</i>	Niloufar Ziya Mahmoudi* <i>Biological Science</i>	Emilienne Desfourneaux** <i>Health Careers</i>
Anastasia C Joseph <i>Health Careers</i>	Kanii Keniko Ashantae Malcolm <i>Biological Science</i>	Sandra L. Phillip <i>Health Careers</i>
Michaelle Joseph <i>Health Careers</i>	Delores R. Manning <i>Health Careers</i>	Smauel Howard Pierce <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Mojisola Kalejaiye** <i>Health Careers</i>	Nichole Avril Marshall <i>Health Careers</i>	Rodeline Pierre* <i>Liberal Arts</i>
MoAnn K. Kamara <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Vera Eni Mbah <i>Health Careers</i>	Rose Laure Pierre-Louis <i>Health Careers</i>
Serena Wendy Kenfack <i>Biological Science</i>	Tynequa McDonald <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Steven Poillucci <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Gregory Dimitrios Koulisis* <i>Health Careers</i>	Elizabeth Mejia <i>Health Careers</i>	Sun-Ngan Kerri Prevove <i>Health Careers</i>
Ashley J. Lafond <i>Health Careers</i>	Tony M. Miles <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Julie-Ann Jeffesha Ramgeet* <i>Health Careers</i>

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Cheryll Rhoden <i>Business Administration</i>	Stanley Semexan <i>Health Careers</i>	Francia Marley Toussaint <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Chavely Rijo Figueroa*** <i>Health Careers</i>	Candler E. Senatus <i>Health Careers</i>	Kumilachew F. Tsehay* <i>Biological Science</i>
Iris Rivera* <i>Health Careers</i>	Jimmy B. Serrano <i>Health Careers</i>	Kenneth Xavier Tulloch Jr. <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Ruth E. Rodriguez* <i>Business Administration</i>	Tasia Shaw <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Rose Valcin* <i>Health Careers</i>
Tatiana Rodriguez <i>Social Science</i>	Michelle Luv Smith <i>Social Science</i>	Marcia Elaine Vassell* <i>Health Careers</i>
Cecile Jimenea Rorebeck* <i>Health Careers</i>	Jakeila Spruill* <i>Social Science</i>	Noemi Vazquez <i>Health Careers</i>
Gorvens D. Rosier** <i>Business Administration</i>	King Merling St. Albert** <i>Business Administration</i>	Melissa Velazquez* <i>Health Careers</i>
Gina Maribel Ruiz** <i>Health Careers</i>	Marie Tamara St. Fort** <i>Health Careers</i>	William Wanambwa Mwisaka <i>Health Careers</i>
Lander Saintelus* <i>Biological Science</i>	Pierre Enorma St. Paulin <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Najat El Boukrouni Warner*** <i>Health Careers</i>
Densie Saint-Pierre <i>Health Careers</i>	Evania St. Louis Syverain <i>Health Careers</i>	Tina Warren <i>Health Careers</i>
Nadeen Annmarie Salmon <i>Health Careers</i>	Esther Telusma <i>Health Careers</i>	Shanice Noreen Williams <i>Health Careers</i>
Sathina Salomon <i>Biological Science</i>	Youddie Theodore <i>Health Careers</i>	Kwame' A Wise II <i>English</i>
Carolyn Melissa Santana Ramirez <i>Health Careers</i>	Lashay M. Thorpe <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Chi Meng Wu <i>Business Administration</i>
Leslie Michelle Saucer** <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Jerelle Thorpe-Johnson <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Rammar Yiek <i>Health Careers</i>
Cornelia R. Schultz***☛ <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Tesean J. Toole* <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Wanda L. Young* <i>Liberal Arts</i>

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Associate in Science

Jennifer Williams Abdal-
Khallaq**
Early Childhood Education

Verdena D. Agnew*
Early Childhood Education

Ana Becsabel Amador
Business Management

Kikelomo M. Muritala
Criminal Justice

Leanna T. Armstrong Knight
Criminal Justice

Ricardo Arocho
ADN Nursing

Jean W. Augustin***
Criminal Justice

Andrea Duggan Baker***
Engineering

Kelsey Callan Baker
ADN Nursing

Laidy Loff Barbosa*
Business Management

Toumani Batawaya*
ADN Nursing

Abezash Teklu Bedada
Early Childhood Education

Andy G. Boucicaut*
Criminal Justice

Maryssa Bradley
ADN Nursing

Tanisha D. Brown*
Criminal Justice

Jacqueline Nicole Bullens
Early Childhood Education

Angelee R. Bullock
ADN Nursing

Erica T. Burke
Criminal Justice

Kanetria Nakitta Nicole Butler*
Early Childhood Education

Roudy F. Clerphon*
Criminal Justice

Nicole D. Cleveland
Accounting

Nicole D. Cleveland
Business Management

Wilbert Colas**
Computer Science

John Correia
Business Management

Ainsley Rose Cuddyer***
Radiologic Technology

Imogen Cumberbatch*
Early Childhood Education

Stacey R. Dantzler
ADN Nursing

Angelique Davis
Criminal Justice

Bayley Rea DeCosta
ADN Nursing

Angelina Maria Depina
Criminal Justice

Jesila Dominique
ADN Nursing

Louisemaine Dominique
Early Childhood Education

Shayquawn Israel Ellis*
Network Administration

Brett Michael Eno*
Radiologic Technology

John Carl Exantus
Business Management

Jordan Farah
Radiologic Technology

Stryphanide Firmin
ADN Nursing

Serge Bernard Fondjo**
Radiologic Technology

Kerby Forges*
Criminal Justice

Yolanda Marie Francis
Criminal Justice

Frantzso Francois
Accounting

Narita Anasha Ganesh***
*Information System
Technology*

Jude Harold Lindsay Georges
Computer Science

Magalie Georges*
ADN Nursing

Jomary Gomez*
Accounting

Adelino Goncalves*
Accounting

Keila Goncalves*
Criminal Justice

Alexander Gonzalez-Reyes*
Criminal Justice

Tiffany Marie Griffin
ADN Nursing

Stephen Guanue
ADN Nursing

Douglas James Hall
ADN Nursing

Taquisha Marshelle Hannah*
Early Childhood Education

Meagan Marie Hanson***
Radiologic Technology

Mary Carole Harris
ADN Nursing

Dionne Y. Higginbottom*
ADN Nursing

Hassan His
Accounting

Rovena Hoxhaj
ADN Nursing

Donald Ismeus
ADN Nursing

Sarah Elizabeth James*
ADN Nursing

Katy Janvier***
Criminal Justice

Marie Sterline Janvier
Early Childhood Education

Millande Jean*
ADN Nursing

Samantha Jean
ADN Nursing

Belinda Jean-Calixte
Biotechnology

Alberta Jean-Denis*
Criminal Justice

Francilia Amy Jones**
Criminal Justice

Linda M. Jones**
Early Childhood Education

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Associate in Science

Pevel Jordan*	Rebecca L. Nagy**	Sajous Richemond*
<i>ADN Nursing</i>	<i>Radiologic Technology</i>	<i>Criminal Justice</i>
Mabanga Kabengele	Chandler Nelson**	Jodie E. Robinson
<i>ADN Nursing</i>	<i>Biotechnology</i>	<i>Network Administration</i>
David N. Kaninu	Nickson W. Njenga	Governs D. Rosier**
<i>ADN Nursing</i>	<i>ADN Nursing</i>	<i>Business Management</i>
Flora B. Koffi**	Margaret W. Njigua	David Andrew Rush*
<i>ADN Nursing</i>	<i>ADN Nursing</i>	<i>Early Childhood Education</i>
Kokouvi Joseph Koffi***	Emmanuel Nwani***	Marie Samedi-Zougbo
<i>Information System</i>	<i>Network Administration</i>	<i>ADN Nursing</i>
<i>Technology</i>	Yadlain Ocean**	Marie Joalyne Samy
Jasmine E. Labossiere*	<i>Network Administration</i>	<i>ADN Nursing</i>
<i>ADN Nursing</i>	Ogbodo Linda Ifeoma	Cristina M. Santos Cabrera
Yadixa L. Lara-Mendez**	<i>ADN Nursing</i>	<i>ADN Nursing</i>
<i>Radiologic Technology</i>	Linda Oghogho Ogiemwonyi	James Daniel Santry***
Makeila Jatar Layne	<i>Business Management</i>	<i>Criminal Justice</i>
<i>ADN Nursing</i>	Manuel Abelardo Oliva	Aisha Nickole Hayes Shepard**
Michele Beronica Leblanc	<i>Early Childhood Education</i>	<i>Criminal Justice</i>
<i>ADN Nursing</i>	Oluwatosin Folake Oni*	Nutoshua S. Shephard
Rhonda N. Ledley*	<i>ADN Nursing</i>	<i>Criminal Justice</i>
<i>ADN Nursing</i>	Caroline B. Osteen	Yoshiko Shepherd
Erica A. Markland	<i>ADN Nursing</i>	<i>Early Childhood Education</i>
<i>Business Management</i>	Emmanuel Oluwakayode	Octavia N. Simmons*
Debbie Marrero*	Oyadiji**	<i>Criminal Justice</i>
<i>ADN Nursing</i>	<i>Accounting</i>	Chrisler C. Thornhill*
Ruth Wanjiku Mbugua	Jose Manuel Pagan**	<i>ADN Nursing</i>
<i>ADN Nursing</i>	<i>Radiologic Technology</i>	Veronica Tomlinson*
Jada Monea McNeil	Gabriela Nicoli Pereira	<i>Early Childhood Education</i>
<i>Criminal Justice</i>	<i>Criminal Justice</i>	Catherine Uchenna Umeh
Hortense Ovono Meyo*	Laura Philius	<i>ADN Nursing</i>
<i>Accounting</i>	<i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Varline R. Valentin
Latifah R. Michel	Marie Delceme Pierre**	<i>ADN Nursing</i>
<i>Criminal Justice</i>	<i>ADN Nursing</i>	Mayelin Vargas*
Laura A. Milach	Jonas Pierribia*	<i>Criminal Justice</i>
<i>ADN Nursing</i>	<i>Criminal Justice</i>	Jason S Victor
Kennedy Miranda	Marcia Pires**	<i>Criminal Justice</i>
<i>Web Technologies</i>	<i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Vivian Hanh Vu
Liton Mistry*	Marrisa DeKimberly Powells*	<i>ADN Nursing</i>
<i>Information System</i>	<i>Administrative Information</i>	Kenyatta Alicia Williams*
<i>Technology</i>	<i>Technology</i>	<i>Early Childhood Education</i>
Aziza Hekma Mousaad	Tiffany Renee Reis*	Tenita Ronda Williams***
<i>Business Management</i>	<i>Early Childhood Education</i>	<i>Accounting</i>
Cassandra Lynnette Musa***	Trevena Rice	Jun Jie Xu
<i>Early Childhood Education</i>	<i>ADN Nursing</i>	<i>Network Administration</i>
Jasmine Muwonge	Ayanna Seleka Richardson	
<i>ADN Nursing</i>	<i>Criminal Justice</i>	

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Certificates with Specification

Ana Becsabel Amador
Accounting Certificate

Tiara Marcel Anderson-
Callender*
Accounting Certificate

Leticia DePina Cardoso
Licensed Practical Nursing

Naika Sofphka Chery
Licensed Practical Nursing

Dania Delicien
Licensed Practical Nursing

Marjorie Desert-Benjamain
Licensed Practical Nursing

Frank Ebere Emezu
Accounting Certificate

Catherine Fomuki-Ambo
Licensed Practical Nursing

Ophtavia Green**
*Certificate - Broadcast Media
Technology*

Daniel Antonio Hernandez**
Paralegal Studies

Jonathan K. Kavale
Licensed Practical Nursing

Kwanga Alfred Kaweza
Licensed Practical Nursing

Juran Lewis**
*Certificate - Broadcast Media
Technology*

Mykebetina K. Lorange
Licensed Practical Nursing

Seidu Mahama
Licensed Practical Nursing

Arline Monestime
Paralegal Studies

Aziza Hekma Mousaad
Accounting Certificate

Marie Mylande Noel
Licensed Practical Nursing

Adedoja Adebisi Ologuntere
Licensed Practical Nursing

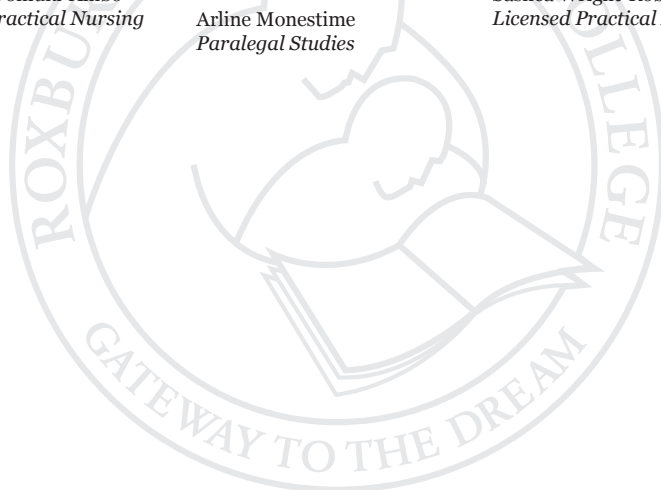
Governs D. Rosier**
Accounting Certificate

Fredrick Ssozi Sebbaale
Licensed Practical Nursing

Marcia C. Sharpe**
*Certificate - Broadcast Media
Technology*

Indea Washington
Licensed Practical Nursing

Sashea Wright-Roberts
Licensed Practical Nursing



Academic Regalia

The caps, gowns and hoods of the academic procession date back to the Middle Ages when they were common dress for scholars. In the Twelfth Century, monks and students wore them to keep warm from the damp and drafty European castles and halls of learning.

The Bachelor's gown has a pleated front and long, pointed sleeves. The Master's gown, which may be worn open, is distinguished by its long square sleeves. The Doctor's gown is trimmed with velvet panels and has three velvet bars on the bell shaped sleeves.

The hood provides the color, contrast and symbolism of the procession. Certain colors became associated with particular areas of knowledge. For example, the hood border worn by a doctor of theology was red, a color associated with the Catholic Church; a medical doctor wore a green border, which relates to the healing powers of medicinal herbs.

Departmental Colors of Faculty Members' Hoods & Tassels

Accounting	Drab	Law	Purple
Agriculture	Maize	Library Science	Lemon
Arts, Humanities	White	Mathematics	Science Gold
Chiropractic	Silver Gray	Medicine	Green
Communications	Crimson	Music	Pink
Criminal Justice	Midnight Blue	Nursing	Apricot
Dentistry	Lilac	Pharmacy	Olive Green
Economics	Copper	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Education	Light Blue	Psychology	Gold
Engineering	Orange	Science	Golden Yellow
Fine Arts	Brown	Social Work	Citron
Journalism	Crimson	Theology	Scarlet

Roxbury Community College

Gateway to the Dream

Years of dreaming and planning came to life in 1973, when Roxbury Community College opened its doors in the Grove Hall area of Roxbury. Despite less than ideal surroundings - its location was a former car dealership - Roxbury Community College's dedicated faculty, staff, and administration served the educational needs of four hundred students. The College's mission then, as it is now, was to provide higher education to those Boston residents who found most other avenues to higher education closed.

In 1975, growth was the impetus for a move to 424 Dudley Street, a former nursing home. This move permitted the expansion and strengthening of academic programs and student services. The College continued to grow, which precipitated another move in 1982, to the former site of Boston State College on Huntington Avenue. As the College continued to shift its service base to meet an expanding enrollment, the goal to establish a permanent home for Roxbury Community College in the heart of the communities it served, remained strong.

With much anticipation, Roxbury Community College built its new home as the cornerstone of the Southwest Corridor in the Spring of 1988. This fifteen-acre campus includes a state-of-the-art Media Arts Building, Academic Building, Administration Building, Student Center, and the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center.

A global village, Roxbury Community College's multicultural and ethnically diverse student population has set it apart from other community colleges in the Commonwealth. Although most of our students are from Boston and surrounding communities, many come from all over the world: North America, Central America, South America, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe and the Caribbean.

With renewed commitment, Roxbury Community College continues its legacy of providing educational opportunities for all who enter its doors.



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